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Dear California Optometrists:

The California State Board of Optometry (Board) is conducting an Occupational Analysis (OA) for the California Law and Regulations Examination. The California Legislature requires all licensing entities to conduct an OA every five to seven years to stay current with changes to the law and with the profession. The Board is working with the Department of Consumer Affairs' Office of Examination Resources (OER) to satisfy this requirement.

The Board is inviting licensees to participate in lending their professional knowledge and experience to this endeavor. OER is currently scheduling telephone interviews with licensed Optometrists throughout the State, and would greatly appreciate your professional input and participation. The telephone interview will take 30 to 90 minutes, but no longer than 90 minutes of your time.

During the interview, a test development specialist will ask participants to describe different aspects of optometry practice. OER will transcribe this information into job task and knowledge statements, which will then be critically evaluated by separate panels of licensees. The statements will become the basis of a questionnaire that will be sent to a large sample of licensees throughout the State. The results of the questionnaire will be used to develop a description of practice and/or update the California Law and Regulations Examination.

Please consider being part of this important contribution to your profession. If you are available for a telephone interview, please contact Amy Welch at (916) 575-7252 or amy_welch_gandy@dca.ca.gov or Devika Tandan at (916) 575-7255 or davika_tandan@dca.ca.gov.

Thank you for your willingness to support the Board and your profession.

The California State Board of Optometry